



Ranger Led Education Programs

Biscayne Expedition

Grade Levels

5th - 7th grade students

An Overnight Learning Adventure

Elliott Key, located seven miles from Biscayne National Park headquarters, is an outstanding outdoor classroom providing an opportunity to experience and observe nature first-hand. Participants sleep in a campsite nestled in a tropical hardwood hammock directly on Biscayne Bay. Facilities on the island include picnic tables, a shelter, barbecue grills, a campfire circle, bathrooms and a classroom. Freshwater is available.

Camps are three days in length, running Monday - Wednesday or Wednesday - Friday. Exploration areas include a nature trail through the hardwood hammock, a boardwalk along the ocean and a wading area in the shallow grassy waters of the bay. Harbor jetties and a dock provide places for fish observation and sunrise/sunset activities.

Group Size

Maximum: 25 students plus teachers and chaperones

Minimum: 15 students plus teachers and chaperones

Program Dates

December 3, 2007 - March 28, 2008



Park's Responsibility

Biscayne National Park provides program guidance, a ranger to lead or assist with activities, boat transportation to the island, tents, kitchen supplies and camp site.

School's Responsibility

Schools provide transportation to the Park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center, food and one chaperone per five students.

Workshop Requirement

An overnight workshop is offered to familiarize new teachers with program opportunities, logistics and safety considerations. Participation is required.

Workshop Date

November 10-11, 2007

OR

December 1-2, 2007

Rain Date December 8-9, 2007

For More Information

A copy of the camping guide is available on our website. Visit www.nps.gov/bisc/ and select *For Teachers*, then *Plan A Fieldtrip*.

Biscayne Explorer

Grade Levels

5th - 8th grade students

A Hands-on Science Experience

This standards-based program brings science to life by exposing students to real scientific experiments and data while working in a national park setting. Students will participate in a ranger guided walk complete with hands-on science demonstrations.

Group Size

Maximum: 30 students plus teachers and chaperones

Minimum: 15 students plus teachers and chaperones

Program Dates

October 2, 2007-May 2, 2008

Teacher Workshop

To better familiarize teachers with the program, attending a teacher workshop is recommended.

Workshop Dates

August 17, 2007 OR October 8, 2007

School's Responsibility

Schools provide transportation to the Park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center, lunch and one chaperone per every ten students.



Self Guided

Discovery Packs

Grade Levels

2nd - 5th grade students

Teacher Led Learning

Each pack is filled with all the materials needed for a day of exploration at Convoy Point, including a wildlife checklist, identification cards and field guides. The pack also includes materials for several educational activities. Lesson plans for the activities can be previewed on the park web-site.

Group Size

The activities in the backpacks are designed for up to 30 students. If the student number exceeds 30, activities can be divided between groups. There should be no more than 60 students total.

Check-Out Procedures

A driver's license is needed to check out a pack. School packs are available at the Dante Fascell Visitor Center for check-out from 9:30am to 3:00pm and returned by 4:00pm. Packs must stay in the Convoy Point area. They may be reserved by calling (305) 230-1144 ext. 3037.



For the Classroom



E-Field Trip

Grade Levels

7th and 8th grade students

Biscayne National Park Underwater Ecosystem Adventure

Students will dive into an underwater adventure with Biscayne National Park Rangers touring the mangrove shoreline, the shallow bay and the northern portion of the third largest coral reef tract in the world. This program focuses on the four ecosystems of the Park and how they are integral to each other and to us!

Group Size

No limit

Program Dates

Available year round on the park website. Please visit www.nps.gov/bisc, select *For Teachers*, then *Distance Learning Opportunities*.



Classroom Visits

Grade Levels

3rd - 5th grade students

Sea Turtle Journey

Students can learn the natural history and the perils facing sea turtles through a positive hands-on ranger presentation.

What Do You Do?

Students will be introduced to National Parks and the four ecosystems of Biscayne while learning about ranger careers.

Group Size

Presentations were developed for up to 30 students. Inquire about larger groups.

Program Dates

Programs are available year round staff permitting. Please call at least two weeks in advance to schedule your classroom visit.

- All education programs at Biscayne National Park are written to Florida Sunshine State Standards and are free of charge.
- There are no entrance fees to the Park. Concession boat trips are available for a fee at (305) 230-1100.
- For inquiries or to book your education program call (305) 230-1144 ext. 3037 or for more information please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/bisc/.